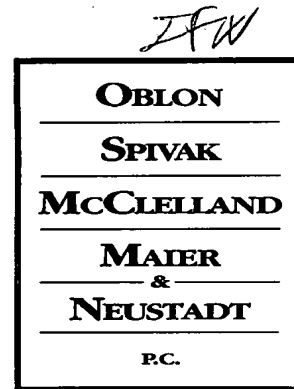




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In response to the Office Action mailed February 1, 2007 and the Advisory Action mailed June 29, 2007, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration in view of the following amendments and remarks.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this response.

Support for the Amendments begin on page 4 of this response.

Remarks begin on page 5 of this response.